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**REQUEST TO USE COMPUTER-READABLE FORM OF
SEQUENCE LISTING SUBMITTED IN A CO-PENDING PATENT
APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e)**

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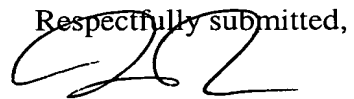
The paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in this Continuation Application (Application No. unassigned), is identical to the computer readable copy and paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing submitted on October 15, 2002, in the parent application filed January 5, 2001 (Application No. 09/743,239).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), Applicants request the use of the computer readable form of the substitute Sequence Listing in the parent application, as the computer readable form in the instant application.

It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.

As indicated above, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included herewith and reference is made to the same in the Preliminary Amendment, also submitted herewith.

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